

in response to the user breaking the first contact with the click wheel, wherein the second image of the rotary dial has a different shading pattern than the first image of the rotary dial.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first image of the rotary dial is faded out and the second image of the rotary dial is faded in over a pre-determined time interval.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the second image of the rotary dial is displayed if the user breaks the first contact for a time interval greater than a pre-determined value.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the first image of the rotary dial corresponds to a character entry mode of operation and the second image of the rotary dial corresponds to a character correction mode of operation.

12. The method of claim 8, further comprising removing one or more previously selected icons in response to receiving a user command using the click wheel, wherein the user command includes pressing on a delete symbol on the click wheel.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the second image of the rotary dial includes an icon corresponding to the delete symbol on the click wheel.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising dialing a telephone number corresponding to a sequence of selected icons in response to receiving a first user command, wherein the first user command includes pressing a button at the center of the click wheel.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising modifying the first image of the rotary dial in accordance with an animation sequence during the dialing.

16. The method of claim 14, further comprising playing a portion of a music file during the dialing.

17. The method of claim 14, further comprising disconnecting from the dialed telephone number in response to receiving a second user command, wherein the second user command includes pressing the button at the center of the click wheel.

18. The method of claim 14, further comprising adjusting volume during a telephone call in response to motion of a second contact by the user with the click wheel around at least a portion of the click wheel.

19. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying explanations of one or more functions corresponding to one or more symbols on the click wheel in the display.

20. A graphical user interface, comprising a first image of a rotary dial on a device, wherein the first image of the rotary dial is displayed in response to a first contact by a user with a click wheel, the first image of the rotary dial includes a

plurality of icons arranged proximate to a periphery of the rotary dial, and wherein the plurality of icons include numbers.

21. A computer program product for use in conjunction with a portable communications device, the computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium and a computer program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising instructions for displaying a first image of a rotary dial in a display of the device in response to a first contact by a user with a click wheel, wherein the first image of the rotary dial includes a plurality of icons arranged proximate to a periphery of the rotary dial, and wherein the plurality of icons include numbers.

22. A portable communications device, comprising:

a display;

one or more processors;

memory; and

a program, wherein the program is stored in the memory and configured to be executed by the one or more processors, the program including:

instructions for displaying a first image of a rotary dial in the display of the device in response to a first contact by a user with a click wheel, wherein the first image of the rotary dial includes a plurality of icons arranged proximate to a periphery of the rotary dial, and wherein the plurality of icons include numbers.

23. A portable communications device, comprising:

display means;

one or more processor means;

memory means; and

a program mechanism, wherein the program mechanism is stored in the memory means and configured to be executed by the one or more processors means, the program mechanism including:

instructions for displaying a first image of a rotary dial in the display means of the device in response to a first contact by a user with a click wheel, wherein the first image of the rotary dial includes a plurality of icons arranged proximate to a periphery of the rotary dial, and wherein the plurality of icons include numbers.

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